



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 3, 2003

H.R. 397

A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the state of Illinois

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on
January 29, 2003*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 397 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 397 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to reinstate the license and extend the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project (number 11214) in Carlyle, Illinois. These provisions could have a minor impact on FERC's workload. Because FERC recovers 100 percent of its costs through user fees, any change in its administrative costs would be offset by an equal change in the fees that the commission charges. Hence, the legislation's provisions would have no net budgetary impact.

Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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